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SUBJECT: COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET
EXPERTS (CCG) - JOINT PENSION SCHEME

REF: (A) USNATO 4713 (NOTAL); (B) LONDON 6927;
(C) STATE 49174

1. WHILE IN LONDON, EUR/RPE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR CCG
MATTERS (LAASE) DISCUSSED REVERSION OF SURVIVOR'S PENSION
RIGHTS TO WIDOWERS OF FEMALE COORDINATED ORGANIZATIONS
STAFF WITH FCO REPS MAUD, WHITE, BAUDAINS AND PAR;RIDGE.
BASED ON HIS CONVERSATIONS IN PARIS, BONN, BRUSSELS AND
LONDON, LAASE SAID IT WAS APPARENT THAT FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE
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DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE IN OECD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WOULD
PROBABLY BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. HE INDICATED HE WOULD SEE
WHAT COULD BE DONE ABOUT DISENGAGING OECD EXECUTIVE COM-
MITTEE FROM THIS ISSUE AND MOVING IT BACK INTO CCG. THIS
MAY EXPLAIN UK CCG REP'S COMMENT REPORTED PARA (1) REF (A).

2. WE ARE TRYING TO ARRANGE FOR OECD TO WIND UP ITS CON-

SIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE WITHOUT FURTHER SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AND MOVE IT BACK TO THE CCG. THIS CANNOT BE DONE BEFORE MAY 17-18 CCG MEETING AT STRASBOURG, BUT WILL BE POSSIBLE BEFORE JUNE CCG. WE UNDERSTAND OECD IS PREPARING

SOME USEFUL ACTUARIAL DATA WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN TIME FOR CCG CONSIDERATION IN JUNE.

3. OUR OBJECTIVES (REF C) ON THIS ISSUE HAVE NOT CHANGED. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, BRITISH ARE NOT PRESENTLY DISPOSED TO ACCEPT OUR POSITION. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO RAISE THIS ISSUE AT MAY CCG MEETING. HOWEVER, WE WOULD SUPPORT PLACING IT ON AGENDA FOR JUNE CCG MEETING.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY LONDON SHOULD APPROACH FCO REP BAUDAINS BEFORE MAY 17-18 CCG MEETING AND, REFERRING TO MAY 5 MEETING WITH LAASE, PASS ON SUBSTANCE OF PARA (2) ABOVE AND SEEK AGREEMENT THAT REVERSION OF SURVIVOR'S PENSION RIGHTS TO WIDOWERS NOT BE DISCUSSED AT MAY CCG MEETING BUT PLACED ON CCG AGENDA FOR CONSIDERATION IN JUNE. IF BOUDAINS AGREES, FCO SHOULD SEND NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO UK CCG REP HARTE IN BRUSSELS. VANCE

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